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Prayer meeting address on Saturday evening, 7th. July, 1973

by Mr. J. Delves at "Ebenezer", Clapham

Hymns: 1135, 119

Reading: Hebrews 10.1-22

This is the purpose of our assembling here this evening, and a very important purpose it is, for it is to draw near to God. "Let us draw near". Sin has separated us, and a sad separation it is, but, in the blessed Gospel there is opened for these poor, separated ones, who feel their separation, realise their condition, and long for mercy, a way to draw near, here is the ground upon which the Lord's people draw near; "Having ...boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus". This is the foundation upon which we stand and venture to draw near. It is the one acceptable plea, and a plea that will be regarded. "Let us draw near" then. This drawing near is not an effort of nature; but an exercise of faith and the apostle would have these Hebrews to exercise it. "Let us draw near".

May the Lord help us this evening to draw near. It would be a prayer-meeting to be remembered if this sacred experience of access were given to "Draw near to God", humbly and graciously.

Some of you may have burdens, difficulties, providences, and hard things, very hard things. Shall they keep us away? By no means! Let us draw near with them; there is no barrier; whatever burden may lie upon us, let us draw near resting upon this blessed foundation the atonement, the One Offering, as we have read, by which He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. May we be enabled to feel this evening that we are among those sanctified ones, made so by the blood of Christ, may we feel in this prayer-meeting, for which purpose we are assembled, a sacred realisation of what it is to draw near, and to feel in our heart a spirit of gracious access.

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith".

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